



# Weare in the World

Volume 5, Issue 22    December 22, 2021

Page 1

For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents



## School News



*Community service students pack up boxes of donated food with their teachers (Catherine Chasse photo).*

### Community Service Project Nets a Ton of Food for Pantry

Earning community service hours during Flex Block is a new initiative undertaken this year at Weare Middle School and Center Woods Upper Elementary School.

Developed by social studies teacher Holly Wilson, this new program allows teachers and staff to register projects they need help with and how many students will be needed to complete the task. Students then sign up for the projects they wish to be a part of and earn community service hours for their work.

The projects have ranged from decorating hallway bulletin boards to the most recent canned food drive with the Weare Food Pantry.

"The bulk of my curriculum focuses on civics, and I was excited to initiate a program where kids could participate in a civics-related activity such as community service," Wilson said in a school release.

A very dedicated group of students led the school food drive, which ran from Nov. 22 to Dec. 10. Prizes  
**See COMMUNITY, page 2**



*New police officer Christopher George (left) was administered the oath of office by Board of Selectmen Chair Frederick Hippler on Dec. 9 (courtesy photo).*

### New Police Hiring Brings Weare PD to Full Force

By Tom Clow

Christopher George was sworn in as the newest member of the Weare Police Department at a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Dec. 9. George comes to Weare as a certified officer, having served three years with the Manchester Police Department. Prior to that, he spent ten and a half years on active duty in the U.S. Army and currently still serves in the Army Reserves.

George's employment with the Weare PD was effective immediately with his swearing in. Being a certified officer, he will only require field training to familiarize him with the town and with department policies. George said that he researched the town before applying for the position and liked the small-town, out-of-doors atmosphere. He

added that everyone  
**See POLICE, page 2**

#### "Talk" To Us



#### What I Love About January

Stories – max 500 words, poems, photos  
[weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)

**Deadline – Friday, Jan. 7**

**POLICE, continued from page 1**

he has met has been super friendly.

According to Lieutenant Frank Hebert, with this hiring, the department has its full complement of full-time officers – a first in many years, he said.

**Budget Presentations Continue**

Presentations for the 2022 town budget continued at the board's regular meeting on Dec. 6. Finance Administrator Beth Rouse reviewed the budgets for the smaller departments, which refer primarily to departments and committees housed within the town office building, as well as budget lines related to government buildings, insurances, cemeteries, conservation and debt service, among others. Collectively, the proposed budgets of the smaller departments showed a difference of \$5,637 over the 2022 default budget.

The Department of Public Works 2022 budget was scheduled to be presented to selectmen on Monday, Dec. 20. The town budget as a whole will be brought to the Finance Committee on Jan, 5, with presentations by all departments.

**Town Clerk Maureen Billodeau has announced that the filing period for candidates for town offices opens on Jan. 19, 2022, and closes Jan. 28, at 5 p.m. Filings are at the Weare Town Clerk's Office, 15 Flanders Memorial Road. Open positions:**

<b>Selectman</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Town Clerk</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Town Moderator</b>	One position	2-year term
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Supervisor of Checklist</b>	One position	6-year term
<b>Library Trustee</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>	One position	3-year term
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	One position One position	2-year term 3-year term
<b>Board of Firewards</b>	Non-member One position  Member One position	3-year term  3-year term

**COMMUNITY, continued from page 1**

were offered to the top four homerooms that brought in the most goods.

On the final day of the drive, community service students packed up the 2,555 items collected for the food pantry.

The winning homerooms for the food drive were: First place: Mrs. Gawthorpe, fifth grade; second place: Mrs. Chasse, seventh grade; third place: Ms. Deware, fourth grade; and fourth place: Ms. Wilson, eighth grade.

***School articles submitted by Patti Osgood. For more, see page 3.***

**Weare School District Meetings****Budget Public Hearing**

The Weare School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2022-2023 Weare School District budget on **Jan. 12, 2022** at 7 p.m. at Weare Middle School. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

**Deliberative Session**

The Weare School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **Feb. 9, 2022** at 7 p.m. at Weare Middle School. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and recess for Session I.

**Filing for School District Offices**

Those interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **Jan. 19, 2022**. The deadline for filing is **Jan. 28, 2022 at 5 p.m.**. Contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

-One school board member: 3-year term

-One school board member 1-year term

-One school district moderator: 3-year term

**Petitioned Warrant Articles**

Those wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2022 Weare School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Weare School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **Jan. 11, 2022** at 5 p.m. For additional information, contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

**VOTING DAY: MARCH 8, 2022**

## John Stark School District Meetings

### Budget Public Hearing

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2022-2023 John Stark School District budget on **Jan. 14, 2022** at 7 p.m. at JSRHS. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

### Deliberative Session

The John Stark School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **Feb. 11, 2022** at 7 p.m. at JSRHS. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for Session I.

### Filing for School District Offices

Those interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **Jan. 19, 2022**. The deadline for filing **Jan. 28, 2022 at 5 p.m.** Those wishing to file should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

- One school board member (Henniker:) 3-year term
- One school board member (Weare) 3-year term
- One school district moderator 1-year term

### Petitioned Warrant Articles

Those wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2022 John Stark School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the John Stark School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **Jan. 11, 2022** at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

### VOTING DAY: MARCH 8, 2022



John Stark Regional High School senior Nathan Nichols received his Emergency Medical Technician Certification from Granite State Emergency Medical Services this month. Nichols takes part in the Emergency Service II program through the Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC). He is the son of Kevin and Kelly Nichols of Weare (courtesy photo).



## School News, continued



The John Stark Regional High School Photography Club ran a toy drive this season to benefit kids in Weare and Henniker, collecting over 150 toys. The club would like to thank everyone who donated and helped them collect the toys. L-R: Photo Club members Emelie Lundeen, Emma Guillemette, Makayla Pellerin, Edie Fischer, Rebecca Mussey, and Madelyne Cyr. Missing from photo: Quince Kirtland, Madison O'Donnell and Melody Couturier (courtesy photo).



Members of the John Stark DECA Club participated in the Weare Historical Society's Children's Christmas Party at the Weare Middle School in early December. The students helped in several events including the sing-along, animal encounters, an auction, meet Santa, and the tree lighting event. Back row, L-R: IHaley Stafford, Emily Barriere, Emily Fredette, Sophia Lundeen, Jillian Fredette and Melody Couturier. Front row L-R: Diana Stafford, Santa Claus, Isabella Pelletier and Eva Grolljahn (courtesy photo).





*WMS Tech Ed teacher Mark Boucher helps student Sean Crean with the hot air launcher (Chrissie Sargent photo).*

## Tools, Talk, and Tech: New Elective Offered at Weare Middle School

Students in seventh and eighth grade at the Weare Middle School who are not taking a foreign language now have the opportunity to take an elective class during that time period called E3—Engage, Enrich, and Extend. One of the electives within E-3 is Tools, Tech, and Talk, team-taught by Instructional Technology Specialist

Chrissie Sargent, Tech Ed teacher Mark Boucher and Enrichment Coordinator Wil Crabtree.

In a recent unit, students in Tools, Tech, and Talk learned about the history and science of hot air balloons. Working in groups, they created a research poster on



*Students watch as one of their hot air balloons floats over the Weare Middle School campus (Chrissie Sargent photo).*

lighter than air flight by either balloons or airships. They had to find visual primary sources (mostly historical photos) and explain the images, cite their sources. "It was exciting to share with them how research skills are used in hands-on professions and that the skills they learn in school have many real-world applications," Crabtree said.

"Our students also presented to the class how hot air balloons work and made hot air balloons out of tissue paper," Sargent said. "It was a memorable day when students were able to launch their hot air balloons, using a propane-powered hot air launcher, outside on a beautiful fall day."

Other topics covered in E-3 will include creating websites, planning and building a model city, 3D printing, learning communications skills through formal presentation, and learning about a range of tools, from power saws to computers.



*Students in the John Stark Regional High School "We the People: The Citizen & The Constitution" class participated in the district-wide We the People Competition on Dec. 10 in Concord. Students at the event "testified" in a simulated congressional hearing before a panel of judges comprising notable governmental and political leaders. The next We the People competition will be the state finals in January when the state champion will be determined. The We the People class is taught by Dan Marcus at John Stark and the competition is sponsored by the N.H. Bar Association. Above: L-R: Jackson Davis, Lauren Ballou, Madison Lefleur, Ruby Dykstra, Lydia Richman, Rose Kosciuszek, Quince Kirtland, Sarah Guillemette, Samantha Veilleux, Aubrey Fischer and Quentin Fairro (Dan Marcus photo).*



Weare in the World has launched its own website! Check out the history, past issues or subscribe. Go to [weareintheworldnews.com](http://weareintheworldnews.com).





Weare Historical Society  
P. O. Box 33  
Weare, NH 03281

## Tidbits of Weare History

*An occasional feature by the Weare Historical Society*

This week by Tom Flaherty, director.

### Weare's 1826 "Grasshopper Year"

Due to severe drought, grasshoppers were seen in "flocks more than a mile long," darkening the skies. Swarms destroyed every living plant in sight, even eating the clothing worn by farmers, who would "scoop them up by the bushel and feed them to their hogs." It took a severe late-August storm to finally destroy them (as well as any remaining crops). This was the same storm that famously killed the Willey family in Crawford Notch. (Source: 1888 History of Weare, page 372).

### Weare Resident in Civil War

Samuel Parson was mustered into Company H, Fifth Regiment in September 1863. He was captured during the worst day of fighting at Cold Harbor, VA, on June 3, 1864 and died as a prisoner of war in October 1864 at Andersonville Prison, GA. (grave #11,121) (Source: 1888 History of Weare, page 476).

### Weare Divided?

Weare's original charter provided an option to divide the town into two or more towns or parishes. In 1773, an attempt to divide down the middle failed. Debate restarted in late 1785, failing again at town meeting. A petition to the state legislature followed, which was sent to committee and failed. In 1788, Sugar Hill residents tried again without success. Further attempts failed in 1803, 1805, 1814 and 1839. A final attempt in 1876 would have annexed the south-east corner of Weare to Goffstown. But Weare remains intact! (Source: 1888 History of Weare, page 512-513).

Go to [wearehistoricalsociety.org](http://wearehistoricalsociety.org) to learn more about our town's history and or to join the society.

## Weare Republicans Meeting

The Weare-Deering Republican Committee will be meeting on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., conducting its annual election of officers. One must be a registered Republican of good standing to be a committee member. If you are not yet a member and are interested in attending, please send an email to [weare.deering.gop@gmail.com](mailto:weare.deering.gop@gmail.com). You may also request membership to our private Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WeareNHRepublicans>



## SENIOR NEWS



## News from the Senior Café

By Peggy Bailey

The Breaking Bread Senior Cafe is now taking reservations for a Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 25, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is seating for 35. Options include dine-in, take out or delivery. Those interested must call ahead or fill out a form located in the Cafe. Call 603-529-4263 and please leave your name, telephone number and how many plates. Donations will be accepted.


<https://www.facebook.com/Hand.in.Hand03281/>

## Holy Cross Happenings

Services at Holy Cross Church are now available on its Facebook page. No account is needed to join services; those who wish to may search for the Holy Cross Facebook page and the live link.

### Upcoming services:

- Christmas Eve service: Friday, Dec, 24, at 7 p.m.
- First Sunday after Christmas: Dec. 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- Second Sunday after Christmas and the Celebration of the Epiphany: Jan. 2, 2022.



### Read all about it!

Weare in the World currently has **518** email subscribers who receive each issue right in their inbox. Why not join them? Get your local news twice a month!

Email Sharon Czarnecki at [czar5@comcast.net](mailto:czar5@comcast.net) with the word **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject. That's it!



## Asked and Answered: A Favorite Christmas Gift



### Favorite Gift

By Sue Canella – Weare Area Writers Guild

My Dad, Al Cannella, was a lifelong advocate for good books and good reading. When I was growing up, the oldest of nine children (though at the time we were seven), my dad read to us in the evenings. Of the many different stories he read, probably our overall favorites were the Joel Chandler Harris collection of stories of Uncle Remus, featuring the antics of Brer Rabbit, Brer



Fox, Brer Bear and all the other colorful characters from the early African-American tradition of the South. But he did not just read the stories. He actually portrayed each of the characters' voices - including the voice of Uncle Remus himself. In later years (after there were nine of us), he continued the tradition with his grandchildren as well.

In 1980, "Papa Al" made a complete taped recording of all the tales and included the set of cassettes with a copy of the Walt Disney version of the book he had always read from for each of us for Christmas. It still remains one of our most treasured Christmas gifts. I think it was in 2010 that I took my set of cassettes to a good friend who used a little modern technological wizardry to digitally re-record the four cassettes onto three CD's and made copies for each of my siblings, so we can continue enjoying them and passing them on to new generations.



## Favorite Gifts

By Weare Area Writers Guild Members

Anything homemade by my sons when they were little.  
-Debbie Farr

2,600 miles away, sunny Nevada, not a snowflake in sight, very homesick, a box of homemade gifts sent all the way from Connecticut for Christmas from my Mom, Dad, and grandparents. -Sharon Czarnecki

I was a little girl when I received the most amazing chalkboard for Christmas, one that my own teacher would have been proud to own. It was taller than me and wider than my scrawny, outstretched arms could reach. I played with it endlessly. I taught a variety of stuffed creatures, dolls, and my cat, Muffin, all the knowledge that I had and made up that which I did not. I was also excited to have received a shoebox full of all things classroom to go along with my glorious chalkboard, such as chalk, an eraser, Elmer's glue, scissors, a ruler, a hole punch, and tape...lots of tape, but the best supply that was in my treasured box was that of gold stars. Oh, how I loved that grand chalkboard and how smart it made me feel. You see...I was a teacher and teachers knew everything. -Karen Coulters

My favorite gift became obsolete a long time ago! I had asked for a hair dryer but wasn't sure I'd be fortunate enough to get one. I was thrilled on Christmas Day to open my very own portable hair dryer. It had a tube that attached the motor to the large plastic cap, which fit over my painful brush rollers. (How I envied girls with natural curly hair!) A side benefit was the noise it made-- a good excuse to drown out my brother's taunts. -Connie Evans

I was home in time for Christmas 2020, that I would celebrate alone, following surgery for a broken right femur. My son, Lloyd, brought my gifts with him the day he drove me home from the hospital. Faced with months of isolation and home physical therapy to heal, I was hoping for meaningful activities that would provide enjoyment and keep me away from the TV. Lloyd and Jan's gift did just that: an aero garden. All I had to do was put water in the container, add fertilizer, put the pre-seeded lettuce cones in the slot, plug it in, then watch and wait. Soon, little green shoots began to appear, then lettuce leaves that were ready to pick by late February. I had fresh salad to eat for several months to come. - Marge Burke

Getting together with family. -Michael Collins



## Wings

By Michael Collins

Books are a hobby and a recreation. I enjoy reading. I generally read a book and then send it to the thrift store on my next visit. But really, I have an extensive collection of books that I cannot seem to remove from my bookcases to give away. One of these is Robert Fulghum's book titled, "It Was on Fire when I Lay Down on It." It is a fascinating read with short stories from various periods of his life. He was a Unitarian minister and some of the stories are about the couples he joined in marriage. It is an uplifting book, and I read through it from time to time. One story struck me this time more than the other times I have read it.

The story is about Hans Ludwig Babblinger from the cathedral city of Ulm, Germany. To the south of the city are the foothills of the Bavarian Alps; to the east lie cliffs overlooking the Danube River. Hans was a craftsman of artificial limbs and had a brisk business due to the period in which he lived. Many people lost an arm or leg by amputation to stop gangrene. The time was the late 1500's: 1580 to 1595. As Hans worked in his shop on limbs, his mind wandered and he wondered if he could fly. He built wings and in 1593 or 1594 he took his invention to the foothills to the south where there was a steady updraft of wind. Many spectators watched as he leaped from the edge of a steep hill. Hans soared in the air - the first hang glider (or at least the first known successful hang glider). He landed safely. The King wanted a demonstration, but was pressed for time (Kings are very busy). Hans took his wings to the nearby cliffs overlooking the Danube River. Unfortunately for Hans, the wind was in a constant downdraft from the cliffs to the river below. Hans survived the fall but he had failed to soar. The King was not impressed, and the local bishop was embarrassed. The following Sunday, the bishop condemned Hans and stated that "man was not meant to fly". Hans retreated home a broken man and soon died.

"Man was not meant to fly" stuck in my mind as I thought about the Wright brothers, who built and flew the first motor driven airplane into a steady breeze coming in from the ocean at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in 1903. What is significant is what they did prior to that day, December 17, 1903, to have a successful flight. The brothers built many models before finding a design that worked. Their claim to fame in my mind is that they built the first wind tunnel to test the designs. This led to the theories of wing lift and other breakthroughs that

led to building bigger, heavier, and more stable airplanes. Without the development of the wind tunnel, flight would not have happened in 1903. It is amazing how quickly the world went from no airplanes to airliners carrying 300 passengers. And these planes are flying at 30,000 to 35,000 feet above sea level (generally 5 to 7 miles up). And did I mention that on any given weekend, men and women are launching off cliffs and hang gliding into the updrafts?

## Hope for the Morn

The night is dark,  
the sky is deep,  
the air is crisp,  
the crescent moon  
shows its presence,  
the stars twinkle  
on this glorious night,  
sending hope for  
the dawn of the new day.

*-Marge Burke*

## Fog

Pea soup fog,  
the color  
of spilt milk,  
where earth and  
sky are one,  
headlights mere  
pin pricks, like  
driving through  
a blizzard  
whiteout and  
still a car  
passes by me  
in spite of  
double lines  
of yellow.

*-Marge Burke*



## Volunteers Needed (Unpaid positions)

### Hand in Hand Ministry

#### **Board Members**

Enthusiasm for helping others required.

#### **Grant Writer**

PT/ experience required.

#### **Chef – Senior Center**

PT/outgoing/retired/food industry experience/ Responsibilities include planning a menu each month, shopping, preparing healthy, tasty meal for local area seniors which is served each Wednesday from 11 to 1. The Senior Café offers a free meal to seniors 60 plus. The chef will also create an inventory of items needed each week based on the projected menu for the upcoming weeks. The focus is on safety guidelines for food prep. The chef works closely with a team of volunteers who serve lunch guests. Together, everyone achieves more.

#### **Game Facilitator - Senior Center**

PT, one or two days per week. Help set up a game day, paint day, gardening day, arts & crafts day, etc.

#### **Staff Person – Ya Never Know Thrift Shop**

PT, one or two days per week.

If any of these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch. Contact Bob Boucher, president at [boucherrobert@comcast.net](mailto:boucherrobert@comcast.net) or Peggy Bailey, director, at [handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com) or call 529-4263

### Weare in the World News

#### **Reporter**

We are looking for someone to handle the news of seniors in our town, which would include activities and menus at the senior center. The person selected would work closely with our community relations person to develop a pattern of items to be covered. Please respond to [weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com) if interested.

## Job Listings

A free public service for the Town of Weare.

### John C. Brown & Sons

#### **Office Administrator**

Full time / M – F / accounting experience needed / Duties include but are not limited to: accounts payable / receivables, answering multiple phone lines, and working with upper management on projects.

#### **Log Truck Driver**

Full time / M – F 6:00 to 3/30 / experience required full benefits

**To apply:** contact Kelly Joyce, John C. Brown and Sons Human Resources Administrator, 603-529-7974

### Country 3 Corners

#### **Convenience Store - Various Positions**

Full Time & Part Time, Various Shifts, Must be 16 years or older, benefits for full time employees

#### **Hardware - Retail Associate**

Minimum 40 hours per week / \$16 per hour / medical and dental after introductory period.

**CDL-B Driver**, experience required, \$23 per hour

**To Apply:** Stop into the store at 833 S. Stark Hwy for an application. 603-529-7539 Convenience Store X2, Hardware X3

### Student Transportation of America

#### **School Bus Driver**

PT – Weare Terminal / mornings 6:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., afternoons 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 P.M. / CDL-B license needed / Perfect for mom's and retirees / salary varies with routes and experience / paid training / Sign on Bonus / contact Kate, Tracy or Matt at 529-4744

### Weare Girls & Boys Club

#### **Group Leaders & Assistant Group Leaders**

PT, competitive salaries, all experience levels welcome, make a difference in the lives of young people. Contact Jim O'Hara at [johara@centralnhclubs.org](mailto:johara@centralnhclubs.org)

### Weare Market & Deli

#### **Retail Associate, Grocery Store**

PT/FT / all shifts available / experience not needed but must work well with others / prefer 18 years or older / schedule varies / salary – will discuss

#### **Deli Associate – Part Time**

**Apply at 421 S. Stark Highway**



### Weare School System

#### **Para Educators – Weare Middle School & Upper Elementary School**

This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community and have a positive impact on the lives of students.

**Apply** - Please visit [SAU 24 Job Opportunities](#) to see and apply for openings. Click on the name of the school to the left and scroll down to Para Educator.



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! (Sharon Czarniecki photo)*

#### **Contact Us**

[weareintheworldnews@gmail.com](mailto:weareintheworldnews@gmail.com)

Editor – Karen Lovett

Assistant Editor – Alyssa Small

Town News – Tom Clow

School News – Marge Burke

Community Outreach – Sharon Czarniecki



*"Ring of Fire (Wood)" (Alyssa Small photo).*

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, Jan. 3**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen Meeting

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 4**

7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board Meeting

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 5**

6 p.m. – Mildred Hall Advisory Committee Meeting

#### **Thursday, Jan. 6**

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees Meeting

#### **Friday, Jan. 7**

10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild Meeting

#### **Monday, Jan. 10**

6 p.m. – Board of Firewards Meeting

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 11**

5 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. – Park & Recreation Meeting

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 12**

4:15 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Fund Meeting

6 p.m. – Weare School District Board Meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats Meeting

